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AND DURAN RECENTLY HELD A MEETING [REDACTED] WHERE BOSSAY MADE A PITCH FOR CLOSER HARMONY AND OFFERED TO CAMPAIGN IN BEHALF OF ALL PDR CANDIDATES INCLUDING JULIO DURAN. IN ADDITION, BOSSAY SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN ATTRACTING PR VOTES AWAY FROM U.P. IF THEY COULD PROJECT THE IMAGE OF A UNIFYING RADICAL FORCE WHICH EVENTUALLY WOULD MERGE AFTER MARCH. AT FIRST DURAN WAS HIGHLY SKEPTICAL OF BOSSAY'S OFFER AND TOOK A NONCOMMITAL POSITION. DURAN, HOWEVER, EVENTUALLY ACQUIESCED TO BOSSAY'S OFFER OUT OF POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY ESPECIALLY SINCE BOSSAY'S SUPPORT WOULD HELP DURAN'S CHANCES OF BEING RE-ELECTED TO THE SENATE. HE ALSO WAS UNDER PRESSURE FROM HIS OWN PARTY [REDACTED] TO WORK OUT AN ACCORD. MOST PDR AND PIR SOURCES HAVE BEEN REPORTING FOR SOME TIME THAT THE "RADICAL BASES" ARE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF CLOSER RADICAL COOPERATION AND THAT THE MASONS HAVE BEEN PRESSURING PDR AND PIR LEADERS TO PUT THEIR DIFFERENCES ASIDE AND BEGIN WORKING TOGETHER. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE BOSSAY-DURAN TALKS THE PIR AND PDR ISSUED A JOINT RECIPROCITY STATEMENT IN MID-NOVEMBER AGREEING TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER'S CANDIDATES IN THOSE AREAS WHERE THEY ARE NOT COMPETING FOR THE SAME CONGRESSIONAL SEAT. STATION CONSIDERS THE PIR-PDR RAPPROACHMENT TO BE A VERY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT WHICH SHOULD HELP ATTRACT WAVERING RADICAL VOTES AWAY FROM THE U.P. IN THE 73 ELECTIONS AND HELP PAVE THE WAY FOR A POSSIBLE PR EXODUS FROM THE U.P. GOVT AFTER MARCH.

2. PIR ORGANIZATION

MOST OF STATION'S EFFORT DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD HAS BEEN DIRECTED TOWARD GEARING UP THE PIR FOR THE 1973 MARCH CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS. BECAUSE THE PIR IS A RELATIVELY NEW POLITICAL PARTY WHICH ONLY BROKE AWAY FROM THE U.P. GOVERNMENT IN APRIL 1972, THE PIR LEADERSHIP HAS HAD TO WORK PRACTICALLY FROM SCRATCH IN BUILDING A NEW PARTY ORGANIZATION. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THIS REGARD IN RECENT MONTHS AND EVEN STAUNCH CRITICS OF THE PIR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HAVE COMMENTED TO [REDACTED] ON THE HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL

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ORGANIZATION THAT HE PIR HAS BZN ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER. THIS ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORT CAN BE ATTRIBUTED FOR THE MOST PART TO BOSSAY'S EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

THE PIR COULD BECOME "CHILE'S THIRD LARGEST POLITICAL PARTY".

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO PUT THE PIR ON A MORE PROFESSIONAL BASIS BY EMPLOYING FULL TIME PARTY WORKERS TO RUN THE DAY TO DAY ACTIVITIES OF THE PARTY MACHINERY, INCLUDING ORGANIZING WOMENS AND YOUTH GROUPS AND CENTRALIZING ITS MEDIA AND ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORTS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INCLUDING A FULL TIME ECONOMIST TO WORK ON POSITION AND ISSUE PAPERS FOR THE PIR AND ITS CANDIDATES. SENATOR BALTRA WHO IS RUNNING FIRST RATE CAMPAIGN IN SANTIAGO DRAWS HEAVILY ON THIS RESOURCE AND AS A RESULT IS FREQUENTLY CAPTURING FRONT PAGE HEADLINES IN OPPOSITION NEWSPAPERS (INCLUDING LA TERCERA EDITORIALS) DUE TO TIMELY COMMENTS THAT HE MAKES ON KEY ECONOMIC ISSUES.

[REDACTED]

3. PIR CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAGIN

STATION'S REPORTING INDICATES THAT THE PIR IS CONDUCTING A VERY PROFESSIONAL AND ACTIVE CAMPAIGN. THE PARTY HAS ALREADY LINE UP APPROXIMATELY 15 MILLION ESCUDOS WORTH OF RADIO ADVERTISING TARGETED AT THOSE AREAS WHERE THE PIR HAS CANDIDATES. LIKEWISE THEY HAVE CONTRACTED FOR 9 MILLION ESCUDOS IN NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING INCLUDING A 3.5 MILLION CONTRACT WITH LA TERCERA, CHILE'S MIDDLE CLASS DAILY. THROUGH THEIR CONNECTIONS AT LA TERCERA (BUSINESS MANAGER IS PIR MEMBER) THE PARTY WAS ABLE TO ARRANGE PURCHASE OF 5 MILLION ESCUDOS IN ADVERTISING AT GREATLY REDUCED COST (3.5 MILLION). FOR THIS AMOUNT PIR IS GUARANTEED DAILY EDITORIAL AND AT LEAST TWO ARTICLES ON PIR CANDIDATES. LA TERCERA HAS EXTENSIVE READERSHIP IN RADICAL CIRCLES AND FORTUNATELY IN RECENT MONTHS HAS BEEN SHOWING PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO THE PIR. IN ADDITION THE PARTY HAS CONTRACTED FOR 800 SMALL HQS THROUGHOUT CHILE AND PLANS TO EMPLOY 1000 FULL TIME AGENTS TO GET OUT THE MESSAGE. MEANWHILE BOCCAY AND OTHER PIR

LEADERS HAVE BEEN ON THE HUSTINGS DRUMMING UP SUPPORT FOR THEIR FELLOW PIR CANDIDATES. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE PIR IS ONLY RUNNING CANDIDATES IN SELECTED AREAS AND THAT THE NATIONAL PERCENTAGE WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER IF THEY HAD CANDIDATES IN EVERY ZONE.

[REDACTED] MOST RECENT BREAKDOWN ON HOW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PIR CANDIDATES WILL FARE IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS:

PROBABLE	POSSIBLE	REMOTE
(DEPUTIES)	(SENATORS)	(DEPUTIES)
EDUARDO CLAVEL	ALBERTO BALTRA	JOSE CORCUERA
MANUEL MAGALHOES	EUGENIO VELASCO	LUIS NAVARRO
CARLOS SOYA	(DEPUTIES)	FERNANDO MELLADO
OSVALDO BASSO	ORLANDO POBLETE	JOSE HAUQUIN
DUBERILDO JAQUE	ARTURO VENEGAS	ADEB ESSEDIN
ROBERTO MUNOZ	ALBERTO NAUDON	
PEDRO JAUREQUI		
JORGE IBANEZ		

4. PIR FUNDING

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DURING THE COURSE OF
THE RECENT NATIONAL STRIKE A GOOD DEAL OF PUBLIC SUPPORT EMERGED
FOR THE GREMIALISTAS WHEN THE GOVT BEGAN TO PLACE STRIKE LEADERS IN
PRISON. THIS SENTIMENT WAS PARTICULARLY EVIDENT IN THE CASE OF LEON
VILARIN WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOBILIZING THE TRUCKERS ORGANIZATION.
TO MAXIMIZE THE IMPACT OF VILARIN'S ARREST AND DETENTION THE GREMIAL
LEADERS TRIED TO FIND WAYS TO KEEP VILARIN AND HIS COLLEGAUES IN
JAIL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

WITH REGARD TO THE CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN IN GENERAL, THE PDR IS RUNNING 12 DEPUTIES AND 3 SENATORS. THE FOLLOWING IS [REDACTED] ESTIMATE OF HOW PDR CANDIDATES WILL FARE IN MARCH ELECTIONS:

PROBABLE

(DEPUTIES)

RAFAEL OTERO

HUNT SHARPE

POSSIBLE

(DEPUTIES)

RAFAEL SENORET

HECTOR CAMPOS

REMOTE

(DEPUTIES)

JORGE CVALLE

LEOPOLDO AUEZADA

PROBABLE

POSSIBLE

REMOTE

GERMAN

RENE LAGOS

EUGENIO RETES

RENATO LAEMMERMAN

ERNOLD FLORES

EDUARDO DIAZ

(SENATORS)

(SENATORS)

(SENATORS)

JULIO MERCADO

JULIO DURAN

RAUL MORALES

11. WE ARE POUCHING [REDACTED] A STATION OVERVIEW OF THE

MARCH ELECTIONS TO WHICH THIS PROGRESS REPORT CAN BE RELATED. WE ARE

GE 11 [REDACTED] SECRET

LSO POUCHING [REDACTED] A REPORT WHICH SHOWS THE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
RSPECTIVE ON THESE ELECTIONS.

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